Special Area Games for Water Sports in Hyderabad

484. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be peased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open a Special Area Games Centre for Water Sports in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what role the Andhra Pradesh Government would play in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Finance Committee of Sports Authority of India (SAI) has approved, in principle, the establishment of a Special Area Games (SAG) Centre for Water Sports in Hyderabad.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has to provide free of cost land/building for running of the Hostel, Administrative and Training Infrastructure.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 4TH DECEMBER, 2003*

Development of Communication System in the Country

†*41. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

• (a) the amount which was to be spent on the development of communication system in various States of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the details of the amount which has been spent so far, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the communication system in the country?

* The Sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the 4th December, 2003 was adjourned.
Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the table of the house
on Friday, the 5th December, 2003.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.